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# APSARA DANCE PERFORMANCES

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## Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen

### Welcome

To the golden Temple Retreat

Ladies and gentlemen. I am very delighted to present you our various traditional Khmer Dances while dinning in our dining room "Preah Peay Restaurant"

#### 1-CAMBODIAN BLESSING DANCE

Traditionally, this dance is performed to give blessing to the King, country leaders, or official guests visiting the country. We would like to present our best wishes in this dance to all guests here this evening. May the flowers tossed by our dancers bring all ever - lasting happiness and prosperity.

#### 2-COCONUT SHELLS DANCE

Cambodia is filled with coconut trees, which make up one of the main agricultural resource of the country. Inspired by nature, artists of the Royal University of Fine Arts created the Coconut Shell Dance, which is now going to be presented.

#### **3-GOLDEN MERMAID (SOVANN MACHHA DANCE)**

Sovann Machha is a short scene of the classical Ballet, which is actually extracted from the Cambodia Reamke (Ramyana) on the episode of the King Ram's mobiliging forces to set up a rock dam to combat for liberating Neang Sit who had been captured by Rahwana, the Giant's king of Laingka.

#### **4-FISHING DANCE**



In this perform, we show the same traditional fishing tools as used by Cambodian farmers. The dance represents the abundance and diversity of fish as well as the Cambodian ex pression "wherever there is water fish and found".

#### 5-PEACOCK DANCE

Peacock Dance is one of Cambodia's popular dances. It is originated from Kola ethnic group, mostly living in Pailin, Cambodia. The meaning of the song, in Kola language, is about blessing for happiness, sufficient rainwater and good extraction of gems as well as blessing for the King.

#### 6-APSARA DANCE

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